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- (b) The sole ground for a waiver shall be that, because of special circumstances concerning the subject of the hearing, application of a rule or regulation would not serve the purposes for which it was adopted.
- (c) Waiver petition shall specify why application of the rule or regulation would not serve the purposes for which it was adopted.
- (d) Other participants may, within 10 days, file a response to a waiver petition
- (e) When the Commission does not preside, the presiding officer will certify the waiver petition to the Commission, which, in response, will grant or deny the waiver or direct any further proceedings.
- (f) Regardless of whether a waiver is granted or denied, a separate petition for rulemaking may be filed pursuant to subpart K of this part.

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§ 110.112 Reporter and transcript for an oral hearing.

- (a) A reporter designated by the Commission will record an oral hearing and prepare the official hearing transcript.
- (b) Except for any classified portions, transcripts will be made available at the NRC Web site, http://www.nrc.gov, and/or at the NRC Public Document Room.
- (c) Corrections of the official transcript may be made only as specified by the Secretary.

[43 FR 21641, May 19, 1978, as amended at 64 FR 48955, Sept. 9, 1999]

§110.113 Commission action.

- (a) Upon completion of a hearing, the Commission will issue a written opinion including its decision on the license application, the reasons for the decision and any dissenting views.
- (b) While the Commission will consider fully the hearing record, the licensing decision will be based on all relevant information, including information which might go beyond that in the hearing record.
- (c) If the Commission considers information not in the hearing record in reaching its licensing decision, the hearing participants will be informed and, if not classified or otherwise privi-

leged, the information will be made available at the NRC Web site, http://www.nrc.gov, and furnished to the participants.

- (d) The Commission may issue a license before completion of a hearing if it finds that:
- (1) Prompt issuance is required in the public interest, particularly the common defense and security; and
- (2) A participant establishing that his interest may be affected has been provided a fair opportunity to present his views.
 - (e) The Commission may:
 - (1) Defer any hearing:
- (2) Consolidate applications for hearing;
- (3) Narrow or broaden the hearing issues; and
- (4) Take other action, as appropriate. [43 FR 21641, May 19, 1978, as amended at 64 FR 48955, Sept. 9, 1999]

Subpart J—Special Procedures for Classified Information in Hearings

§110.120 Purpose and scope.

- (a) This subpart contains special procedures concerning access to, and introduction of, classified information into hearings under this part.
- (b) These procedures do not in any way apply to classified information exchanged between the Executive Branch and the Commission not introduced into a hearing. Such information will be declassified to the maximum extent feasible. The public statements of the Commission staff and Executive Branch will, to the extent consistent with classification requirements, reflect consideration of any such classified information.

§110.121 Security clearances and access to classified information.

- (a) No person without a security clearance will have access to classified information.
- (b) Only the Commission will act upon an application for access to classified information.
- (c) To the extent practicable, applications for access to classified information shall describe the information to which access is desired and its level of classification (confidential, secret or